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ELK POINT'S OUTDOOR RINK has seen plenty of action during the Christmas holidays, as everyone tried out their new skates and sticks in the bright December sunshine.



■ Up Front

Looking back at the top headlines of 2002

As we close the cover on another year, let's look back through the pages of the past 52 weeks at the stories that made the headlines in 2002...

January

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce started the year with a look at more tourism promotion... The RCMP reported that their holiday season checkpoints had been a success with no impaired charges laid or 24-hour suspensions issued... Elk Point and District Ambulance added a new unit to their service fleet... Elk Point Peewee Avalanche was second in the race for the coveted Anadarko Cup.

Elk Point Ukrainian Dance Club whirled into the new year with a hugely successful Malanka celebration... Local youngsters were urged to find safer locations for sledding than parking lot snow piles, residential area drifts and ditch banks... Two teen pedestrians were hit by a car in front of A. G. Ross Arena.

Anadarko Canada made a last-ditch attempt to get the Town's approval on reduced

spacing of wells in the area... Subsidization of commercial garbage collection came to an end... Cameron Cup women's hockey was a hit with local hockey fans... F.G. Miller's guitar pickers entertained with an evening of picking and strumming... Parents and students alike were relieved to learn that Regional Division #1 teachers would not be walking picket lines.

February

Pioneer Circle seniors celebrated the tenth anniversary of their Recreation Centre with messages of congratulation from many special guests... The Oilmen's Bonspiel was a 19th annual success, with the Betz Dearborn rink skipped by Clarence Romanick winning the Heavy Oil First Event.

Elk Point Chamber of



TRANSCARPATHIAN DANCERS celebrated a glorious Malanka with a packed crowd.



HUB OF THE PIONEER CIRCLE - The late Lillian Palinka accepts a plaque from president Margaret Modin at the Seniors' Recreation Centre's tenth anniversary celebrations.

Commerce elected an entirely new executive, headed by Glenn Harms and with Jonny Nielsen as vice president, Joan Bauman as treasurer and Loree Aarbo as secretary... Elk Point Interagency Health Committee rallied forces in the wake of an announcement that outpa-

tient physiotherapy services would end February 28... Close to 150 oilfield and emergency services workers attended an on-ice oil spill recovery exercise at Heinsburg.

The Town of Elk Point increased support for Elk

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community NEWS

Looking back at the top headlines of 2002

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Point Golf and Country Club, and praised local Citizens on Patrol (COPS) volunteers for their efforts in reducing the local crime rate... Planning for Canada Day celebrations was already underway, with "135 Years of Canadian People" set as the theme.

Family Day was celebrated with a gala carnival at the A. G. Ross Arena... The Chamber passed a controversial vote of support for wildlife harvest preserves... The Lakeland Constituency was ready for the Canadian Alliance leadership vote at their annual meeting... Josh Weir topped 48 Skate-a-Thon fundraisers with \$1408 in pledges.

March

Jaylynn Wirsta, Derek Wruth and Melissa Frisby were the first prize winners at the annual 4-H Multi Club Public Speaking competition... Elk Point Bantam Thunder won Zone 2 championship honors and were off to provincials... Community Health Council #4 was disappointed by the amalgamation of Lakeland's four CHCs into a single body.

Danielle Schnurer of the Elk Point Saddle Slickers was named the St. Paul 4-H District champion public speaker, and went on to compete at regional level... Skaters "rocked through the ages" at their annual ice carnival... A rural road rollover claimed the life of Brent Nichols... Elk Point Co-op welcomed new manager Dwayne Odgaard.

Elk Point came alive with "The Sound of Music" as the Elk Point Community Choir and Friends presented their annual dinner theatre to packed houses... Fort George and

Buckingham House Advisory Boards met with Assistant Deputy Minister Mark Rasmussen, MLA Ray Danyluk and Northeast Job Corps' Dale Crossland to explore ways of stretching grant funding... Elk Point Trail Riders and the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce were both eager to get going on development of the former CN station grounds, but were told they would just have to wait for Muni Corr's takeover of the rail line to be complete.

Elk Point Girls' Storm hosted an outstanding Midget Female Provincial hockey tournament... Three pages of food for thought regarding town revitalization were brought to the Chamber for discussion... Wendell Young was named the Apprenticeship and Industry Training Board's top instructor... Canadian Natural Resources met with landowners and area residents to work on the resolution of concerns... Twenty community groups were represented at a community forum spearheaded by the Chamber of Commerce and aimed at coordinating fundraising and other activities... Heritage Lodge matron Alvina Schuhmacher retired after 16 1/2 years of caring and compassionate service.

April

Danielle Schnurer competed at the Provincial 4-H Public Speaking in Calgary... Hardworking Provincial Hockey Tournament organizers were honored by the Chamber for their outstanding efforts... Schools in the area canceled spring activities in the wake of a provincial labor dispute... FGM's Class of 2002 was auctioned off to raise funds for grad

activities.

Michelle Friesen won the senior division of Talent Explosion 2002 with her performance of "Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend"... The Town of Elk Point ended the 2001 fiscal year with a small surplus and a clean audit... Whether aging can take place safely and comfortably in our own community was the bone of contention at a meeting on aging and community care hosted by the Lakeland Regional Health Authority... The Canadian Half Pints basketball team pounded home the message to FGM students that bullying is not acceptable.

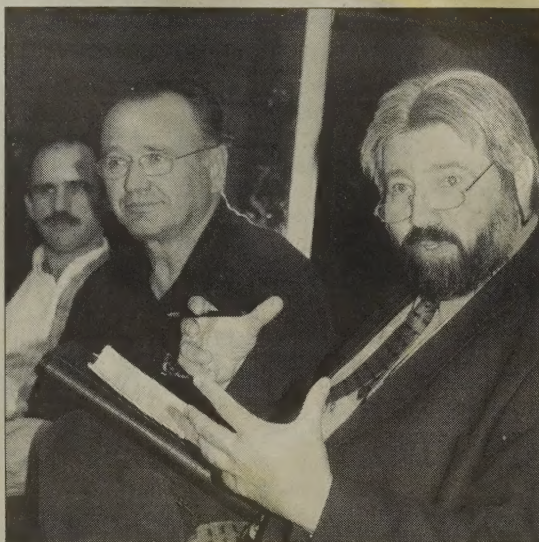
The LRHA submitted a deficit budget to Health Minister Gary Mar, but assured Elk Point residents that at least for the time being, they would not close any facilities or acute care beds... A wealth of information on ground water and water wells was available at an open house in Elk Point... Singer and songwriter Adele Johnson, originally from Lindbergh, had a sellout crowd for her concert in Bonnyville...



NORTHERN LIGHTS LIBRARY SYSTEM officially opened their new headquarters in June, with NLLS Board chairman Don Gulayec wielding the scissors.



GOTCHA! Cst. Jenny MacDonald cuffs a cooperative Catherine Campbell at the Partners in Crime Prevention forum.



THE FUTURE OF HEALTH CARE had mayor Lyle Frisby, LRHA board member John Pilipchuk and MLA Ray Danyluk looking for answers.

ers raise \$972.73 for vision research and the Metelytsia Dancers present their 2002 Spring Showcase... F. G. Miller students and Grade 6 visitors focused on positive physical and mental activities at the annual Wellness Day.

Elk Point Elks Lodge held their annual installation of officers, with Albert Boratynec returned to the Exalted Ruler's chair... The Town and Anadarko Canada cooperated in a Hazardous Waste Roundup... Lost loved ones were remembered with a candlelighting ceremony marking Palliative Care Week.

"Partners Against Crime" - COPS, Town Council, RCMP, Victim Services, Oil Patch Crime Watch, F. G. Miller High School and AADAC - combined talents in a Crime Prevention Week forum... Elk Point Public Library presented a deficit budget to Town Council, asking for help with the shortfall created by discontinued community lottery grants and lack of volunteers to run bingos... The moving of the tourist information centre came to the top of Chamber's agenda, as the tourist season was fast approaching... The OORP installed their 2002 executive... FGM

Crusaders entertained mothers, grandmothers and aunts at a festive Mother's Day tea.

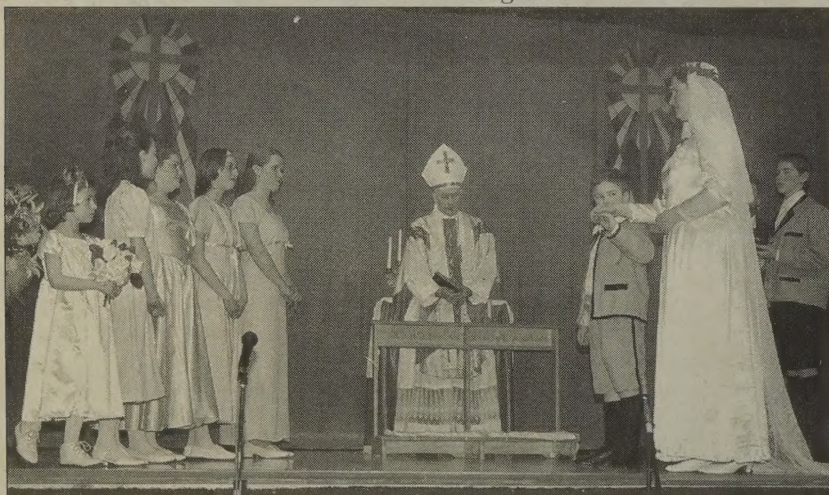
Elk Point RCMP reported a quiet long weekend, thanks to a proactive program of checkpoints and enforcement... Seven special young ladies made up the first graduating class for the beautiful new Chief Napewaew Comprehensive School... Fifty years after their double wedding, "Babe" and Colleen Sharkey and Patricia and Stanley Good celebrated a double 50th anniversary... Calvary Family Fellowship celebrated their first anniversary with an afternoon of music and gospel messages... St. Paul's Tuu Times won the Jan Frisby Slowpitch Tournament for the seventh time.

June

June got off to a very busy start, with the ribbon cutting ceremonies at Northern Lights Library System's new headquarters, the biggest-ever annual Auto Club Show and Shine, and Elk Point 4-H Multi Club's Achievement Day all taking place simultaneously, along with the Community-Wide Garage Sale. Jessica Wirsta and Danielle Wruth showed the 4-H champions and a 1919 McLaughlin Buick from Wainwright winning the People's Choice award downtown...

The third annual STARS Golf Tournament was another great success, with 90 golfers helping to raise funds for the air ambulance service... Elk Point 4-H Multi Club was proud to present STARS with \$10,000 from their steer raffle... Wheels and helmets were the focus of Safe Kids Week's bike road-e-o... Seven graduands from three continents, one sporting a top hat and cane, bid a fond

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THE WEDDING OF THE YEAR was part of the memorable performance of "The Sound of Music" by the Elk Point Community Choir and Friends.

community **NEWS****Another very busy summer for Elk Point and district**

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farewell to Heinsburg Community School at ceremonies with a multi-national flavor... Elk Point Elementary School enjoyed an energetic track and field day.

Elk Point Town Council held the line on their 2002 mill rate, and agreed to submit a joint application with the County of St. Paul for a parks improvement grant... Wayne Knight of St. Walburg, SK set a new track record at Dewberry's annual CPCA chuckwagon meet... Father's Day at Fort George and Buckingham House offered a wide range of fun trade fun for the whole family... Elk Point Public Library benefited from Elk Point Co-op's huge Farmers' Day steak fry fundraiser.

We said it would never happen, but it did: the Tourist Information Centre was hoisted onto a truck and trundled up the highway to its new site along the service road... Elk Point Stingers won gold in the U12 division of the Lakeland Cup soccer championships, while Blue Lightning won U14 bronze... F. G. Miller's Industrial Arts teacher Blaine Easthope bid an emotional farewell to the school where he taught for 31 years, as the Crusaders were rewarded for academic performance Above the Limit.

June 29 was a star-studded night for FGM's Class of 2002 as they celebrated the end of their high school years... Elk Point Elementary students accepted a record number of awards, and Heinsburg Community School also celebrated the achievements of their top students as another school year drew to a close... The C. G. Baker Memorial Horse Show was a big success... Performers of various faiths gathered with one accord to salute Canada's birthday at the Gospel Concert.



NATIVE DANCERS added a colorful touch to Canada Day's stage performance.

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Kim Heyman and/or Tim Mahdiuk at 645-3301.
Closing Date for Applications is Jan. 13, 2003

July

Canada Day was celebrated under sunny skies, with the pancake breakfast and a glorious parade followed by a colorful stage show... Heinsburg hosted their first, and very successful, Cowboy Poetry Gathering... Stoney Lake celebrated 40 years of rodeos, with Walter Piotrowski riding in his 40th grand entry.

Elk Point's first school site and the site of Angle Lake School were celebrated with the dedication of handsome wrought iron markers... A stop sign at the intersection of Armistice Road and Twp. Road 572 was spray painted black in a potentially lethal prank... With the golf tournament's final tally now in, \$18,000 was presented to STARS.

Rumors of imminent closure didn't deter quality care at Elk Point Health Centre... A young cyclist was injured when he rode out of an alley in front of an oncoming vehicle... Fort George and Buckingham House held their first-ever Stick Horse Rodeo.

Potta Trail Days celebrated Metis culture at Riel Beach, with a horse whispering demonstration by Tom Durocher among the attractions... Elk Point floor curlers won gold at Zone 7 Senior Games, Roland Gascon earned silver and Ernie Poitras bronze in golf and Del Smith bronze in bowling.



VALEDICTORIAN LEANNE WILSON became a FGM graduate with Jim Hawkins' turn of her tassel.

August

Adele Johnson headlined Big Valley Jamboree's gospel concert... The LRHA submitted a second deficit budget, hoping for better results.

An outstanding display of 67 quilts highlighted the Elk Point Fair, which was great despite drought conditions. Billie Milholland was on hand to autograph copies of her North Saskatchewan River Guide, which rose to the top of the Edmonton Journal's best seller list... World War II veteran Ralph Riemer was among the recipients of the Medal of Remembrance from the Netherlands National Defense Committee.

Minister of Health Gary Mar stopped in Elk Point on his whirlwind tour of the Lakeland Health Region, and heard numerous presentations from community leaders emphasizing the importance of the Health Centre... William John was named the

2002 Elk Point Oilmen's Golf champion.

Almost 40 entertainers whooped it up at the Forts des Prairies Jamboree... Teachers had a new contract and a 14% pay raise in place for the coming school year... LRHA chair Ernie Isley said Mar's response to their budget was "double barreled".

Twenty-six of the 30 F. G. Miller graduates took part in the pomp and circumstance of their graduation ceremonies. Valedictorian Leanne Wilson accepted five awards before she joined Brad Poitras to hand over the Crusader sword to Kirsty Lindquist and Brad Young of the Class of 2003.



FIRE DAMAGE was extensive at the Seniors' Recreation Centre, despite fast action by firefighters.

September

Restoration of a pioneer school at Ferguson Flats neared completion... Problems plagued the third party review of the LRHA budget, with Lakeland facilities losing 21 positions due to cuts.

Fire damaged the Seniors Recreation Centre, one day after it was the headquarters of a hugely successful Grandparents' Day fundraising walk... The Chamber was back after the summer break and raring to go... Retired teachers toasted today's counterparts at the school year got underway.

Elmer the Safety Elephant was a big hit at Information Night... Town Council toured community playgrounds for a first-hand look at potential... Muni Corr got County approval for trail development.

Heinsburg students followed Terry Fox's dream with a hike down the Iron Horse Trail... Thick smoke caused an injury crash at Frog Lake.

Faye Smith brought national gold back from the Canada Senior Games in Prince Edward Island... LRHA chair Ernie Isley visited the Chamber, answering numerous questions but admitting "I don't know where this is going to go..." Trail buffs took the scenic route from Ashmont to Heinsburg, where "Trails and Travel Day was underway... ASCRA celebrated the past year's achievements... Amber Krider received the St. Paul Education award at Heinsburg Junior and Senior High awards day.

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TOWN OF ELK POINT NOTICE

Commission Members Required

The Town is currently seeking enthusiastic individuals to sit on the Municipal Planning Commission.

The Commission will be reviewing the Town's current Land Use Bylaw this year.

Please submit applications in writing to the Town Office, Box 448, Elk Point, Alberta T0A 1A0

APPLICATIONS WILL BE RECEIVED UNTIL ALL POSITIONS ARE FILLED.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL THE TOWN MANAGER AT 724-3810

Dated in Elk Point this 19th day of December, 2002.

Myron J. Goyan
Town Manager

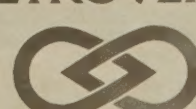


Season's Greetings

Petrovera Resources extends the best to you and your families this Christmas season, and wish you a safe and prosperous 2003.

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review VIEWPOINTS

Checking up on our 2002 predictions

Looking back to our first issue of 2002, we see that we made predictions for the year to come. In the way of all predictions, they were only that - guesses, or perhaps just the way we hoped things would turn out.

We predicted Town Council would work with the County and the Town of St. Paul on the most cooperative basis ever, toward making the region thrive. While these efforts have not been totally successful, there have been great inroads made into working together on such projects as Muni Corr and waste management. We have a trail under development, and before we know it, we will have the long-awaited regional landfill.

We predicted the Chamber and Town would sit down together to talk tourism, and while that hasn't happened on a formal basis, both organizations are doing their utmost to promote the community to tourists.

We predicted increased use of recreational facilities, perhaps even by renting them to out-of-town groups - and while we don't know just how much of that went on, we do know of two St. Paul businesses which held their Christmas parties in Elk Point for the first time ever, both using recreational facilities. It's a start!

We predicted that every vacant building in the business and industrial district would find a tenant, and although not all of them did, some are now occupied by thriving businesses.

We didn't predict the moving of the Tourist Information Centre (in fact, we would more likely have predicted that it would stay exactly where it was), but then we also didn't predict that we would have such an energetic and idea-filled Chamber of Commerce executive take over the reins and set off toward progress at a full gallop. We certainly didn't foresee, either, the great participation, sponsorship and incredible cooperation that made the Christmas Extravaganza truly an extravaganza -- a parade of brightly lighted floats, for example, would never have entered our heads, let alone fireworks, an incredible grand prize and a permanent stage with nonstop entertainment.

Nor did we predict that a provincial labor dispute would hit so close to home that our schools would miss out on activities that have become time-honored traditions, and that even graduation ceremonies could have been jeopardized had things not been settled in time.

We could probably have predicted that we would again spend a year fighting tooth and nail for our health centre, but we had really hoped it was safe for the time being. Dreams are cheap.

And on that note, we certainly didn't dream that the boundaries of both our health region and our provincial constituency would get changed so drastically, to our great consternation.

It almost makes us afraid to look in our crystal ball to see what will happen in 2003. But we will, next week. Happy New Year!

■ Here comes 2003!

Kick off the New Year with a new personal budget

Everyone would like to stretch their paycheck a little further each month. Do you think you have to make a million dollars in order to enjoy some of life's little luxuries? Think again; budgeting your money properly may be the answer to your financial woes.

You've surely heard it before, but have you ever really sat down to try it? It is quite easy to live beyond your means if you cannot see in black and white what you're earning in relation to what you're spending. Buying items on credit, and withdrawing cash from ATM machines can end up depleting your money pool and push you deep in debt.

It is important to learn how to effectively manage your money. A financial consultant may be able to help, and there are several Web sites that can give you tips on budgeting, investing and saving for retirement. In the meantime, Check out these ideas for creating a budget and living within its boundaries.

Setting up the budget

Before you do anything, it's important to first out just where your money is going each month.

- Take out three months worth of pay stubs and determine your average monthly income.
- Gather three months of bills, add them up and divide by three to calculate your monthly fixed expenses like rent or mortgage, utilities and phone, car payment, insurance and student loan payments.
- Add together three months of other

monthly expenses, including groceries, clothing, credit card expenses, medical bills and cash outlays. Divide by three and add the results to your monthly expense total.

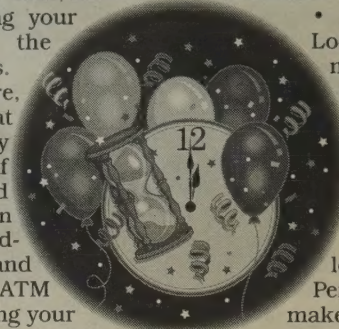
- Now, evaluate your expenses. Look for opportunities to economize, and develop a plan to cut back spending in specific areas.

- Determine what you can reasonably afford to spend each month and then track how well you are doing by entering actual expenses into a ledger or computer program. Personal finance software may make it easier to gain an accurate overview of your spending and locate problematic habits.

Living with the budget

Your next task is to learn what to do with the information you've gathered.

- Track your income and expenses monthly to evaluate how your plan is working, then fine-tune it to produce the desired results.
- If you find that you are spending less than you had anticipated, you may want to put more money in your savings account to help out with unexpected expenses.
- Set up a savings plan like a passbook account, certificate of deposit (CD) or individual retirement account (IRA), and begin making regular deposits to the account.
- If you find that you are spending more than anticipated, try identifying the items that you really don't need (new clothes, CDs, expensive dinners) and avoid purchasing them until you are back within your budget.



Happy New Year everyone!

It is an old custom but it seems to be one we all associate with bringing in the New Year. That is, we join hands, sing 'Auld Lang Syne', and then wait for the bells to ring out a peal at midnight. Happy New Year is spoken loud and clear. After we leave the celebration behind, some of us may feel the depressing times we have been living in - in 2002. Discouraging and depressing times can be part of life for any of us - even the most optimistic and spiritual. For some, depression is brief, circumstantial and passes. For others, it can be more serious and consuming. What can we do about our discouraging or depressing times?

To answer this question, we are being exposed to more people who are "professionally" getting into the business of offering "pep talks" which point out to us how capable we are and how wonderful our lives seem to be. After these sessions we are supposedly able to deal with our lives in a more positive way. Are these pep talks the answer? Yes, they may help. But, we need a more long-term solution. Gordon B. Hunckley states: "In spite of the reality of problems, what needs to happen is for a person to find a reason for hope... We must walk with hope and faith. We must speak affirmatively and cultivate an attitude of confi-

dence. We all have the capacity to do so." Hope, beneficial in and of itself, motivates us to get the help that we need. Hope competes with our worries, and the stronger of the two emotions wins an important battle. Let me share a story about the violinist Itzhak Perlman who displayed hope and confidence.



deanna
EASTHOPE
from the FCSS desk

On November 18, 1995, violinist Itzhak Perlman came on stage to give a concert at Avery Fisher Hall at Lincoln Centre in New York City. Getting on stage is no small achievement for Perlman, who was stricken with polio as a child, has braces on both legs, and walks with the aid of two crutches. At this particular concert, Mr. Perlman finally got to his chair, released his braces, and adjusted his legs prior to performing. "Just as he finished the first few bars," reported newspaper editorialist Jack Reimer, "one of the strings on his violin broke. You could hear it snap - it went off like gunfire across the room." The audience assumed he would leave the stage to either replace the string or exchange violins.

"But he didn't. Instead, he waited a moment, closed his eyes and then signaled the conductor to begin again. The orchestra began, and he played from where he had left off. And he played with such passion and such power and such purity as they had never heard before. "Of course, anyone knows that it is impossible to play a symphonic work with just three strings. I know that, and you know that. You could see him modulating, changing, recomposing the piece in his head. At one point, it sounded like he was de-tuning the strings to get new sounds from them that they had never made before."

"When he finished, there was an awesome silence in the room. And then people rose and cheered. There was an extraordinary outburst from every corner of the auditorium. We were all on our feet, screaming and cheering, doing everything we could to show how much we appreciated what he had done. He smiled, wiped the sweat from his brow, raised his bow to quiet us, and then he said, not boastfully, but in a quiet, pensive, reverent tone, 'You know, sometimes it is the artist's task to find out how much music you can still make with what you have left.' " ... So, to all of you out there, let us go for it, too, and let us make 2003 a great year. Happy New Year, everyone!

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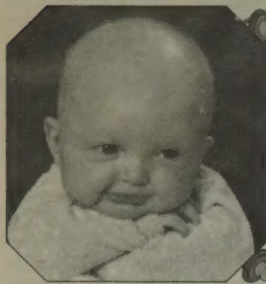
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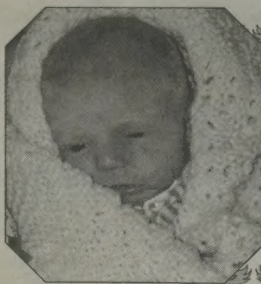
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Height: 19"
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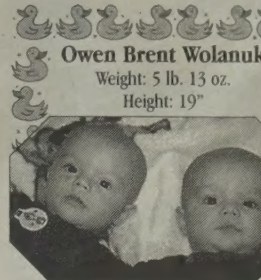
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July 20, 2002
Weight: 7 lb. 7 1/2 oz.
Height: 22"
Son of
Greg & Lisa Van Maarion



Dalton Robert Thomas Reed
Date of Birth:
June 17, 2002
Weight: 6 lb. 2 oz.
Height: 19 1/2"
Son of
Tad & Kim Reed



Olivia Kennedy Van Bommel
Date of Birth:
August 1, 2002
Weight: 6 lb. 12 oz.
Height: 20 1/4"
Daughter of
Mark & Sandi (Krucik) Van Bommel



Owen Brent Wolanuk
Weight: 5 lb. 13 oz.
Height: 19"

Kaden Shane Wolanuk
Weight: 5 lb. 4 oz.
Height: 18 1/2"
Date of Birth:
June 13, 2002
Sons of
Duane & Trina Wolanuk

John and Roberta McGregor will return to Elk Point to heal families

John McGregor first came to Elk Point in 1980 when he accompanied the evangelist John Wesley White. White was addressing the Chamber of Commerce at the invitation of A.D. Marshall. The vision of Mr. Marshall was to start a church here in Elk Point. John McGregor had been working with a Vermilion accountant, Ted Clark, and was asked to take over the Elk Point office once per week. It was then that John started to really started to develop of love for the people of Elk Point.

In September 1981, Ted Clark and John McGregor started a worship service in the old FCSS building. Ted pastored the new little church and John was designated Youth Pastor and Visiting Pastor. As the work grew John McGregor began to spend more and more time driving up from Vermilion to work at his job, and visit in the community. It was January of 1983, before the church had grown sufficiently to formally call John McGregor to pastor the church and at that time. John resigned from his Vermilion job and starting with a promise of \$50 a month and a job in the Print Shop in Elk Point, he took on the challenge.

John was more than a pressman. He was very talented at selling advertising for the fledgling Elk Point Review and enjoyed visiting with his customers as he made his rounds



JOHN AND ROBERTA MCGREGOR

of the businesses each week.

In 1984 John stopped working at the Review. John and his wife Roberta served the Elk Point Baptist Church for almost exactly seven years. The congregation grew and eventually built the facility they are now using. John and his family left Elk Point as he assumed a position with the Billy Graham Association and then went on to pastor a church in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. John has just recently been appointed the Executive Director of the Canadian Revival Fellowship.

John grew up in Northern Ireland. At age

17 he joined the Ulster Defense Association. he spent two years with this paramilitary group, during which time he was an apprentice printer in Belfast. His earliest memories of anything "religious" were of attending a Billy Graham Crusade, at Kings Hall, in Belfast. That's where his parents made their decisions for Jesus Christ. A couple years later, after living the life of an Irish terrorist, John trusted Christ as his own Lord and Savior. The first person whom he saw after he had made his commitment to Christ was his mother. John writes, "When I tried to tell her, I broke down and cried.

We stood crying and hugging, and she said, 'John, I have prayed for 13 years that God would get hold of you, and He has.' I learned right there that we should never stop praying for people to come to Christ. If God can touch the life of a 19-year old terrorist, He can touch any life anywhere!"

Elk Point Baptist Church has invited John and Roberta to come for a week of meetings starting on Sunday night, January 12, 2003. John comes with a passion to see families reconciled to one another and reconciled to God. On the opening night, the Quist Family of Elk Point will be providing a concert of music. A First Nations couple will also be sharing each night how God reconciled their home. On the Friday (January 17th) there is a particular youth emphasis with a special youth band invited to play. When asked what he hopes will take place during this week when the McGregors return to Elk Point, Pastor Jim MacLellan said, "God has made it very clear to our church that He wants to heal families through the ministry of the McGregors."

CHURCH SERVICES

Elk Point Baptist Church
5705 - 49 St., Elk Point
Pastor Jim MacLellan
Family Worship Service
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Sunday School - 11:15 a.m.
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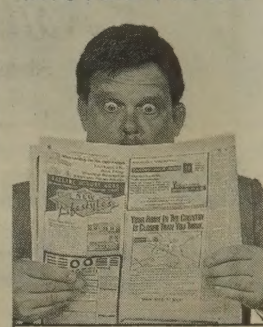
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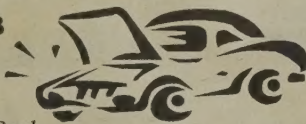
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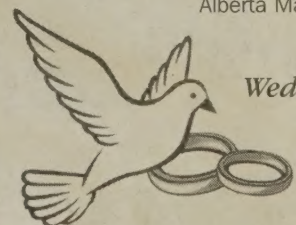
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'Twas the weekend before Christmas and all through the rink, nothing could stop the Avalanche not even the Heat. The Bonnyville Heat that is, they figured they would come into the Dome and melt

the Avalanche when they played on the Friday night before Christmas, the Atom Avalanche on the other



doug BASSETT
Review Sports

hand had some other plans for the Heat, the Avalanche with a 7 to 6 win. A hat trick for Mike Marianchuk, two for Myles Yarmuch and two for Kameron Ballas including a short handed one.

On Saturday the Avalanche team loaded up the cars and traveled two hours south to Provost, winning once more, this time 9 to 5. Kameron Ballas, Mike Marianchuk and 'Dirty

Harry' Harrison Maas all with hat tricks, Tanner Shankowski with two assists, Dylon Loughran and Jordyn Wozinak also assisting. 'The puck stops here' Brendan Bishop superb in net for both Friday night's and Saturday's games.

Then on Sunday, Blake Brodbin and the Lloydminster Cutting Edge Blazers were back in town. The last time they played two weeks before, the Blazers beat the Avalanche 5 to 2, and were trying to cut a path through the Avalanche again, taking a 3 to 1 lead after the first period, but the Avalanche have stepped up their game since their last meeting, and didn't weaken this time, and tied the game 5 all by the end of the third.

Mike Marianchuk with two, Kameron Ballas, Brendan Bishop and Myles Yarmuch adding singles, Dylon Loughran with two assists and 'The Big E' Eric Kubinchak doing a great job, stopping the puck.

"Grandma got run over by a reindeer!" Wainwright midget girls know just how Grandma felt, because they got run over by Eryl Anton Roberts. The midget girls Storm were on a mission on the Friday night before Christmas when they traveled to Wainwright picking up two points in a 10 to 2 win. Eryl Anton Roberts with five goals, Catherine Campbell with two, Brittany Ballas, Megan Proski and Karly Shankowski all scoring, Brett Hahn, Sage Lowry and Amanda

Marianchuk all assisting. This coming weekend, Wainwright returns to play the Storm again on Saturday afternoon.

"You better watch out, you better not pout, the Micro Novice Tornados will shut you out." The Tornados won over Mannville 10 to 6 on the Saturday before Christmas in Mannville. Ryley Wozniak and Logan Becker with hat tricks, Braden Vinge with two and singles for Zackery Ference and Dustin Demers. This coming weekend on Saturday morning, Kitscoty will be in town to meet the Tornados, game time is 9 a.m.

"Do you hear what I hear?" Up in the Beer League the B&R Bullets received a nice Christmas present when they defeated Jorvik for the first time

in three years, 9 to 7 on the day before Christmas Eve.

Coming back to haunt me, "The ghost of Xmas past." O.K. Yes I was there, the Leafs losing to the Oilers on Saturday night in O.T.

And now it's time to play the K. A. Campbell trivia question. In the sixties this Hall of Famer wore No. 7, No. 16 and then No. 9. Who is he? Last week's answer to: "Who holds the record for the most game winning goals in Stanley Cup play?" Rocket Richard.

And finally, another year has come and gone, some of us are getting older and wiser, I hope! Happy New Year. Do you have any sport scoops for me? Now you can Email it to me at sportshound007@hotmail.com

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